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For: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE DELIVERY OF
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES VIA THE ALIMENTARY CANAL**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed May 12, 1999 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 2, 3, 25, 28 and 40 as follows.